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31st December 2013

Mr Cronin
Arun District Council
Arun Civic Centre
Maltravers Road
Littlehampton
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Dear Sir,

Planning Application Reference Y/99/13
Proposed housing estate of 250 units adjoining St Mary's Church, Yapton

I am writing to object to this proposal. As you will no doubt be fully aware, this project is totally inappropriate for Yapton, for a number of reasons. Let me focus on just two areas of concern.

There is no need for further housing on this scale, on top of all the development currently approved for Yapton. It makes a mockery of the work done to date by Arun District Council to identify the right number of houses to be developed in Yapton under the Local Plan, and the work done by the Yapton Neighbourhood Planning Group to find suitable sites with willing owners.

Secondly, it is the wrong place to build houses. It would not be an integral part of the village and would provide a very unhappy backdrop to the ancient St Mary's Church (Grade 1 listed), the four listed houses in Church Lane, and the conservation area, destroying views to the South Downs National Park, Arundel and Arundel Cathedral and turning footpaths across green fields into a paved way through a concrete dormitory. In addition, why use first-class agricultural land when the country is so far from self-sufficient in food production?

I am not a planning expert, but I have read the petition from the NoYap-town Campaign, and I wish to state that I agree with all the points it makes.

Please will you refuse planning permission and save Yapton village, for which action countless people will be very grateful.

Yours faithfully,

Gillian de Freitas (Miss)